

naphthalenyl)carbamoyl]benzoic acid or a salt thereof as an active ingredient." The cited documents also fail to disclose or suggest methods of treatment comprising administering an effective amount of a substance comprising 4-[5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-5,5,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl]carbamoyl]benzoic acid or a salt thereof to a mammal, as recited in the claims. There is simply nothing in the cited documents that suggests the present invention.

Applicants submit that the disclosed and claimed subject matter is not anticipated or fairly suggested and respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of record, and allow all the pending claims.

No additional fee is believed due at this time. If, however, any additional fee is necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted materials, the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

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